

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVES FANNIN, CHANDLER, HARDY, ROY, AND SIMON AND  
SENATOR SHAW

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1448(G) and to enact R.S. 33:1448(U), relative to the premium costs of group hospital and health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs in Bienville Parish; to provide for eligibility for payment of premium costs; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:1448(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:1448(U) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1448. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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G. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least fifteen years of service who are at least fifty-five years of age or retired with at least thirty years of service at any age. The provisions of this Subsection shall be applicable only to the sheriffs' offices of the parishes of Bossier, St. Bernard, St. Martin, Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, ~~Bienville~~, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, DeSoto, East Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. James, St. John, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana, and any parish with a population of between one hundred

1 thousand and one hundred two thousand according to the latest federal decennial  
2 census and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their  
3 respective retirees. The provisions of this Subsection shall also apply to the  
4 employees of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and the Louisiana Sheriffs'  
5 Association, which fund and association shall pay the premium costs for their  
6 employees.

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8 U. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the  
9 sheriff of Bienville Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium  
10 costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who  
11 retired from the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

12 (1) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
13 medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life  
14 insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy  
15 sheriff retired with thirty years or more of creditable service with the Louisiana  
16 Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

17 (2) Seventy-five percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
18 medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life  
19 insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy  
20 sheriff retired with twenty-five years of creditable service with the Louisiana  
21 Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

22 (3) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical  
23 expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance  
24 contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff  
25 retired with twenty years of creditable service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension  
26 and Relief Fund.

27 (4) The provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (3) and this Paragraph of this  
28 Subsection shall only apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are covered by the  
29 Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund after January 1, 2009, and who  
30 subsequently retire from the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office.

1           Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 33:1448(G) prior to its amendment by this Act  
2           which applied to the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office shall continue to apply to all sheriffs  
3           and deputy sheriffs hired prior to January 1, 2009, and who are covered by the Louisiana  
4           Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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